

Dear Indiana Teachers, Principals and Superintendents:

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is delighted to be able to fund the opportunity for thousand of Indiana school children to attend the special exhibit, ***Tutankhamun: The Golden King And The Great Pharaohs* FREE**, between June 27 through October 25. Thanks to the generosity of a \$2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, we will be able to offer FREE tickets to schools for Field Trips to see the exhibit. In addition, there are FREE Professional Development Workshops available for teachers in which our School Programs Staff will help teachers find ways to ensure a rich experience for their students. Each workshop participant will receive a copy of the unit of study to assist in student learning. The unit suggests ways in which teachers can use the activities to address both State and National Standards in the Visual Arts, Social Studies and Language Arts. In addition to the subsidized workshop fees, we can also offer \$65 toward the substitute teacher pay for the day of the workshop.

This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many schoolchildren in Indiana. **We strongly suggest you register your students NOW to ensure the date and times that will work best for your schedule.**

There will be no ISTEP testing this fall, so the timing is fantastic for a trip to see this outstanding exhibit. In addition, we will have our newest gallery open: ***Take Me There: Egypt***. Once students have viewed the Tut exhibit and have a good background in Ancient Egypt, they will be able to cross the hallway, get on board our "airplane" and experience modern-day Cairo. The FREE tickets that we offer are good for both the Tut exhibit AND the rest of the museum. We will also have a new planetarium show entitled ***Stars of the Pharaohs***.

This blockbuster exhibit will delight schoolchildren, their teachers and the chaperones. Take advantage of the FREE offer and register your classes...or the entire school now. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This is one opportunity you will definitely want to take advantage of for your school. You may call the 800 phone number or register online. **Please refer to the attached PDF**, but feel free to call the number listed with any questions you might have.

Opening the eyes of students to the connections between the past and the present can be an extraordinary experience. We hope you get your registration in as soon as possible. We know it is somewhat difficult to know exact numbers for fall, so we suggest that you guesstimate on the high side for classes. We're looking forward to your visit.

Call 1-800-820-6214 for School Reservations or go to <http://www.childrensmuseum.org> (field trip link).